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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2002 for three(3) month(s) from January 18, 2002 to April 18, 2002. A Response to an Office Action and a Request for Continued Examination responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/VTN499/RTH in the name of Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this Petition. Three copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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